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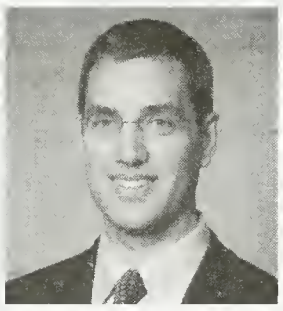

Although this column appears in the February Bulletin, I wrote it in Israel in December. Together with my colleagues Rabbi Zuckerman, Cantor Abramson and Jason Oppenheimer, I had the pleasure of leading an absolutely thrilling Family Israel trip. Slightly over 70 of us traveled the country, explored ancient and contemporary dimensions of our homeland and built a tremendous sense of community that I know will serve as a building block for the congregation in decades to come. There were many highlights. Among them, I will not soon forget the joy of having thirteen young adults from our community called up to the Torah for a group B'nei Mitzvah celebration.

None of our trip's success would have been possible without the leadership of our lay chairs – Susan Edelstein and Gail Furman. I am truly at a loss for words to express my thanks to them for the hours and hours of work they put towards this experience. There were thousands of details to consider, and doubtless a few bumps along the way. Susan and Gail's passion, their love of our community and the Jewish people, and their joy in the achievements of our youth made them the perfect chairs. I hope they will always look back with pride at having strengthened our community and having provided our families with this extraordinary experience. *Todah rabbah!*

On March 12, our community will celebrate these same values of community and Israel at our 7th annual Gala. With Susan and David Edelstein as our honorees, the synagogue Board has found two individuals who exemplify the highest ideals of our community. Susan's leadership over the years, from the ECC to our Family Israel trip and so many efforts in between, demonstrates a long-standing commitment to making our synagogue a center of Jewish life and living. At every turn, David and Susan have encouraged and supported the mission of the synagogue. Their personal commitment to Jewish life extends from generation to generation. In their three sons, Sam, Toby and Peter, I see the values of prior generations burning brightly. Susan and David truly represent the theme of this year's Gala, *Treasuring Our Tradition and Fostering Our Future.*

A special thanks to our Gala Chairs - Andrea Baumann Lustig, Shereen Gertel Rutman and Susan Brous Silverman - for all of their hard work towards planning the Gala. Please see page 4 and the Gala invitation, for information on how to RSVP and how to place a journal ad in Susan and David's honor.

Whether it is an Israel trip, the annual Gala or any other day of the year, the values of our synagogue remain remarkably and proudly consistent. These ideals are made most evident not in the institution itself, but in the people who collectively make up our congregation. In celebrating our Gala with Susan, David and their family, we all have the opportunity to treasure our tradition and foster our future, affirming our commitment to what we stand for and pushing forward our congregational mission while having a fun-filled evening in celebration of very deserving honorees. I look forward to seeing you there!

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Military Chaplains and the First Amendment

People always ask me what a chaplain in the military does. This question is as difficult to answer as "what does a rabbi do?" In light of my continued training at Fort Jackson, SC and the recent Shabbaton on Interfaith Dialogue, I want to begin to answer this question.

The Chaplain Service Mission states: "While serving as a visible reminder of the Holy, the Air Force Chaplain Service provides spiritual care and the opportunity for Air Force members and their families to exercise their constitutional right to freedom of religion." When I took my oath of office, I solemnly swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. This includes a personal commitment to the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The resulting charge is to ensure that all personnel and their families can practice their religion freely and that military policies will not impinge on any individual's ability to do so. Most Americans would agree that our individual religious freedom is extremely precious, and no one should be placed in a situation that compromises religious beliefs.

The reality, however, is not so black and white. Military guidelines require religious accommodation *except* "as must be limited by compelling military necessity, with such limitations being imposed in the least restrictive manner feasible." Commanders are ultimately responsible for ensuring that requests for religious accommodation are welcomed and are dealt with fairly and consistently, unless approval would have a real, not hypothetical, adverse impact on military readiness (Guidelines Concerning Free Exercise of Religion in the AF). The resulting responsibility of the chaplain is to advise leadership about the spiritual needs, religious requirements, and ethical issues that impact mission, quality of life, and religious freedom.

Two examples from my own experience illustrate this important mission. In my first duty assignment at Hanscom AFB, MA, I was informed that a clarinetist in the Air Force Band of Liberty – the Northeast's regional military band – wanted time off for the High Holidays. The commander and conductor of the band did not understand why the clarinetist could not perform a concert the night before Yom Kippur. I spoke with the commander and created for him a document listing all the Jewish holidays and how observing them would affect Jewish personnel.

But as indicated above, not every request can be fulfilled. A few months ago, I received a letter from a commander in the Virginia Air National Guard, seeking a written statement regarding the Jewish faith and the seasonal flu vaccine. He had a Jewish airman who claimed that religious reasons preclude him from receiving this vaccine. Some Jews have indeed expressed concern about non-kosher or objectionable ingredients in various vaccines; however, the ingredients do not impinge on the permissibility of the injected medication. In fact, failure to immunize against vaccine-preventable diseases is a serious and compound violation of Jewish Law. My answer to the commander was to inform him that there is no basis in Jewish law to support a request for a religious exemption from mandated immunizations.

The Chaplain Service operates in a diverse interfaith environment. Whether an individual is Jewish or of a different faith, my obligation and response remain the same. The Chaplain Service seal illustrates this reality. It depicts a dedication to spiritual care and support with the caption "Freedom, Faith, Ministry," expressing the banner under which we provide for the free exercise of religion to members of the armed forces and their families.

EVENTS

Cantors in Concert: Our Favorite Things

Sunday, February 13 | 4:00 pm

Featuring Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, and Cantor Azi Schwartz

As winter winds howl on Madison Avenue, and the cold freezes our eyelashes, what greater remedy is there than the warmth of beautiful music?!

Please join us on Sunday, February 13 for an uplifting concert sung by our three cantors. They will perform an eclectic array of music, from Beatles classics to Israeli pop to Broadway show tunes to Yiddish theater songs – something for everyone! As always, the audience will enjoy a reception and a chance to chat with the artists after the concert.

PAS Annual Gala

Saturday, March 12

7:30 pm cocktails, 8:30 pm dinner & dancing

Join us as we treasure our traditions and foster the future of our Jewish community by honoring Susan and David Edelstein for their dedication and contributions to Park Avenue Synagogue.

Susan and David Edelstein *Susan and David Edelstein have been members of PAS since they were married. They were drawn into congregational life when their oldest son, Sam, began attending the ECC. From co-chairing the ECC benefit and the ECC Parents' Association to enrolling in the first PAS Melton classes, Susan has taken one opportunity after another to become involved in the synagogue, proving the maxim that "the more you give, the more you get." Whether serving on the Kol Nidre Appeal Committee or co-chairing the PAS Family Trip to Israel this past December, Susan and David see their activities at PAS as a means to honor their family's Jewish past – her parents are both Holocaust survivors – and to foster a Jewish future for their own children and for our entire community.*

To RSVP, *use the reply card that came with the mailed invitation or visit the calendar at www.pasyn.org and click on the Gala on March 12th.*

PAS Adult Learning Israel Trip

with educational content provided by the Florence Melton Israel Seminars

WHEN? May 28 – June 6, 2011 (With early departure option on May 25)

WHO? All adult members of PAS, all students in PAS's Melton program, and partners of the above, who are interested in a one-of-a-kind, intensive, on-site adult learning experience in the Land of Israel.

WHY?

- **See Israel as you never have before.** With the facilitation of outstanding educators from the Florence Melton Israel Seminars, join other motivated adult learners for thematic on-site text study in small, interactive groups.
- **Strengthen and build relationships with fellow PAS members**
- **Reinforce** our community's commitment to Israel
- **Go beyond the typical tourist experience** for a deeply substantive exploration of the land and people of Israel in all their complexity.

For more information, *go to www.pasyn.org and click on Adult Education.*

Registration deadline: February 15

שבט-אדר א

Friday, February 4 30 Shevat
Rosh Hodesh
Candle lighting, 4:59 pm
6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service

Saturday, February 5 1 Adar I
Rosh Hodesh
Parashat T'rumah
8:45 am | Parashat Hashavua
9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service
Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Ariadne Silver, daughter of Joanna & David Silver
9:30 am | Havurah
10:15 am | Junior Congregation
5:00 pm | Young Family Havdalah (see p. 15)
5:15 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, February 11 7 Adar I
Candle lighting, 5:07 pm
5:00 pm | Young Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service (see p. 15)
6:15 pm | Friday Evening service with Children's Birthday Blessings

Saturday, February 12 8 Adar I
Parashat T'tzavveh
8:45 am | Parashat Hashavua
9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service
Bar Mitzvah of Ben Reisner, son of Mimi & Lorin Reisner
10:15 am | Junior Congregation
11:15 am | YFE Shabbat services (see page 15)
5:15 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, February 18 14 Adar I
Candle lighting, 5:16 pm
6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service

Saturday, February 19 15 Adar I
Parashat Ki Tissa
8:45 am | Parashat Hashavua
9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat Service
5:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, February 25 21 Adar I
Candle lighting, 5:24 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, February 26 22 Adar I
Parashat Va-yak-hel
8:45 am | Parashat Hashavua
9:15 am | Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Matthew Gorin, son of Jody & William Gorin
9:30 am Havurah
10:15 am | Junior Congregation
11:15 am | YFE Shabbat services (see page 15)
5:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv

Special Services

Saturdays, February 5, 26 | 9:30 am

Havurah חבורה

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service held in the Rothschild Library. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Friday, February 11 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings ברכות

This family service includes Shabbat blessings, a small gift for birthday children, and a festive oneg Shabbat.

For information, *contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.*

Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, Cantor Azi Schwartz and the synagogue choir with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Synagogue Family/February 5771

בני מצוה B'nei Mitzvah/

Caroline Ariadne Silver | February 5 | *T'rumah*

Caroline has been active at PAS since she was a toddler. After HaMishpachah Sheli, she attended the ECC, and then the Abraham Joshua Heschel School. Caroline recently started 6th grade at Dalton, which she adores.

For extracurriculars, Caroline enjoys violin and orchestra, tennis at the Harlem Junior Tennis Program, swimming in the lakes in Putnam County, and black diamond skiing everywhere! After years of volunteering with seniors at DOROT, Caroline chose to work with tweens with emotional issues at the Ittleson Center for her tzedakah project. She is bringing a terrific group of girls fun activities they would otherwise not have the chance to enjoy.

Caroline has participated enthusiastically in shul for many years and is excited to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah with the clergy, fellow congregants, and family with whom she has grown up at Park Avenue Synagogue. A special thanks to Cantor Elana, who has tutored her with great patience and kindness.

Ben Reisner | February 12 | *T'tzavveh*

Ben is currently a 7th grader at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC. Prior to moving to DC last year, Ben attended The Buckley School in Manhattan from K-5th grade.

Ben's connection to Park Avenue Synagogue began at birth, with his bris at PAS. He attended PASECC and the Congregational School. When deciding where to celebrate his bar mitzvah – Washington or New York – Ben felt strongly that PAS was the most important synagogue to him. His sister Ali and all of his Smul cousins celebrated b'nei mitzvah on the PAS bimah and Ben is eager to be part of the tradition. Cantor Rozenfeld worked with Ben on Skype to help him prepare; thank you Cantor Elana!

Ben is an avid New York sports fan still rooting for the Yankees and the Giants. He enjoys football and tennis and loves summers with his extended family at the beach.

Ben looks forward to being in his home town for his Bar Mitzvah! He would like to thank Park Avenue Synagogue for making this day possible and for recognizing our family as members of the PAS family during our stay in DC.

Matthew Gorin | February 26 | *Va-yak·hel*

Matthew has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since his days in the ECC. Now a 7th grader at Riverdale Country School, Matt just completed his first season playing for the Middle School football team. Matt is an active participant in sports, including baseball, football, tennis and skiing. He is also an avid sports fan, cheering relentlessly, with his friends, for his favorite teams, the Jets and the Yankees. During playoff season Matt's Sundays are all about friends, food and football. A passionate and adventurous "foodie," Matt enjoys eating well and experimenting with international cuisine when the family travels.

Matt inspires our family in many ways, most notably with his passion for life and exuberant personality. We are so proud of his accomplishments at PAS and elsewhere and look forward to sharing his Bar Mitzvah with our family and friends. We would like to thank the clergy at PAS for their dedication and patience as Matt navigated his way to the bimah.

ברוכים הבאים New Members/

Brad & Adriana Corben
Daniel Langer & Selma Nasser Langer
Greg & Alexandra Mondre
Rebecca Schlachter

המקום ינחם אתכם Condolences/

Rachel Bluth & Derek Smith on the loss of her grandmother, Irene Bluth / Henry & Stacy Katz on the loss of his mother, Bessie Katz / Ruth Rothseid on the loss of her mother, Bernice Rothseid / Stacey & Jeffrey Keller on the loss of her grandmother, Florence Schiffman

מזל טוב Mazal Tov/

Heather & Ethan Bloom – on the birth of a son, Jake Dillon Bloom / **Lauren & Stuart Ruderfer** on the birth of a son, William Meyer Ruderfer, and to big brother Harrison / **Rebecca Schlachter** on the birth of a son, Elliot Schlachter.

For more information about adult classes and events, please consult the Winter/Spring 5771 Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.

Judaism In Conversation: Global Perspectives & Local Dialogues

Nine Tuesdays | February 8, 15, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Using the January Shabbaton on interfaith dialogue as a springboard, we offer a two-part series delving more deeply into the theme of how we relate to people of other faiths. On four evenings, we will explore key classical and contemporary Jewish attitudes towards the "Other," in sessions led by Rabbi Neil Zuckerman. On the other evenings, Rabbi Cosgrove will host dialogues with other local clergy about real-life issues and tensions facing religious people on the Upper East Side, in New York, and in America.

The "Other" in Jewish Tradition: Challenges and Opportunities

A Shalom Hartman Institute Lecture & Study Series

Led by Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

March 1, 22, 29, April 12 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

How does Judaism relate to those who are not like us? With scholars from the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, we will explore the way others—non-Jews and minorities—have been treated in Jewish tradition. This course will follow up on themes of the Shabbaton and complement Rabbi Cosgrove's discussions with other neighborhood clergy. Each session includes a 30-minute DVD lecture from top Hartman Institute scholars, followed by discussion and analysis of the issues raised in the lecture. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn from great scholars and from one another.

March 1
Jew & Non-Jew: The Meaning & Consequences of Chosenness

March 22
The Citizen and the Stranger

March 29
Women as "Other"? Traditional and Contemporary Challenges

April 12
Tikkun Olam: Our Responsibility for the Others of the World

The Clergy in Our Neighborhood: Dialogue, Learning, & Friendship

February 8, 15, March 8, 15, April 5 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Join Rabbi Cosgrove as he enters into dialogue with spiritual leaders of different faiths and denominations from our local community on issues of immediate relevance to us and other New Yorkers of faith.

February 8
Reverend Michael Lindvall
Brick Church

February 15
Imam Mohammed Shamsi Ali
Islamic Cultural Center

March 8
Reverend Elizabeth Ott
Park Avenue United Methodist Church

March 15
Pastor Alvin O'Neal Jackson
Park Avenue Christian Church

April 5
Reverend George Witt
St. Ignatius Loyola Church

RSVP required. *Cost: $36 for the 4-part Hartman series, no charge for clergy dialogues. Register at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education (click on Evening Classes). Those without email call 212-369-2600, x121.*

Special Series

ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

For more information about adult classes and events, please consult the Winter-Spring 5771 Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.

Weekly Classes

Mondays (*no classes on February 21*)

6:20 pm | **Hebrew 101** | Dina Mann

6:20 pm | **Hebrew 103** | Vivian Nissan

7:30 pm | **Hebrew 102** | Dina Mann

7:30 pm | **Hebrew 104** | Varda Hubara

7:30 pm | **MASA'OT: Journeys into Judaism** | Rabbi Julia Andelman & Rabbi Steven Rein

Tuesday

8:00 am | **Essential Essays** | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

11:30 am | **Contemporary Jewish Thought**

- February 1, 8, 15 | Psychology, God & Judaism | Dr. Zane Liff, Guest Facilitator
- February 22 | Rabbi Steven Rein

Wednesday

6:45 pm | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**

7:15 pm | **Adult Bat Mitzvah** | Cantor Nancy Abramson & Rabbi Julia Andelman

Thursday

9:15 am | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**

12:00 pm | **Library Lunch & Learn**

- February 3, 17, 24 | Cantor Nancy Abramson
- February 10 | Cantor Azi Schwartz

Friday

8:00 am | **Talmud Torah** | Rabbi Steven Rein (no class on February 4, 11, 18)

Shabbat/Saturday

8:45 am | **Parashat Hashavua**

4-Week

Sponsored by UJA@PAS

Caring for an Aging Relative

Four Mondays:
January 31,
February 14, 28,
March 14

6:00 – 7:30 pm

With so much on their plates, family caregivers often ignore their own needs. Share experiences, receive support, and exchange resources with other family caregivers. Facilitator: UJA Partners in Caring social worker Katie Weinberger, LMSW.

For more information and to register, *contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or Kweinberger@dorotusa.org.*

6-Week

Midtown Lunch & Learn

On the Shoulders of Giants: The Interpretations of our Sages

Wednesdays | February 2, 9, 16, March 2, 9, 16 | 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Co-taught by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove and PAS Rabbinic Intern Ari Saks

Explore the weekly Torah portion through the eyes of our rabbinic thinkers. Each week we will focus on one rabbinic commentator and attempt to ascertain his worldview and methodological approach to Torah through reading his commentary on that week's Torah portion. By the end of the course we hope to gain a sense of how rabbis read Torah, giving us a broader range of ideas and approaches to use ourselves in reading and studying our most sacred text. Cost for 6-session course and kosher lunch at each session: $72. Space is limited; registration required.

To reserve a spot and for location information, *register online at www.pasyn.org under Adult Education (click on Daytime Classes). For more information, email lifelonglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600 x121.*

Monthly/Bimonthly

Women in the Bible | Wednesday, February 2 | 9:15 – 10:15 am | Debbie Cosgrove, Instructor

We know their names, but do we know their stories and traits? Come after drop-off or while on your morning walk or errands to discover biblical women in this new mini-course.

Debbie Cosgrove, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and JTS, is a former elementary school teacher and advocate for Jewish Tikkun Olam efforts across the globe.

Cost: $36 for all 3 sessions. A light breakfast will be provided.

RSVP required. *Register at http://www.pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/adult-education. Those without internet, call 212-369-2600, x121.*

Foundations of Jewish Family Living | A Learning Program for Congregational School Parents | RSVP

Tuesday, February 1 | 5:00 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman

Wednesday, February 2 | 5:00 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove

RSVP to *Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x131.*

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams | Thursday, February 3 | 7:30 pm | in honor of Rosh Hodesh Adar I

For location and readings, *contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.*

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group | Monday, February 7 | 8:00 pm | Facilitator: Pat Davidson

Book: *Blooms of Darkness* by Aharon Appelfeld

When Ukrainian Jews are rounded up during WWII, 11-year-old Hugo's mother hides him with her childhood friend Mariana, a prostitute in a brothel. The two discarded souls form an unlikely bond.

For additional information, *contact Marga Hirsch at mhirsch@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x127.*

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Friday, February 11 | 9:15 – 10:00 am | RSVP

RSVP to *lifelonglearning@pasyn.org.*

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Daytime Book Discussion Group | Monday, February 14 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Facilitator, Renée Waldinger

Book: *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman.

Two Jewish sisters of very different temperaments seek love and career fulfillment in this contemporary tale that has been called *Sense and Sensibility* for the dot-com era.

For additional information, *please call Renée at 212-860-4308.*

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club | Tuesday, February 15 | 1:00 pm

Our heimishe group focuses on Yiddish conversation and culture—poetry, stories, music, drama, and film. Whether you know just a few words of Yiddish or speak fluently, please join us for an interesting and enjoyable time.

For more information and a schedule of meetings, *please call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.*

For more information about adult classes and events, please consult the Winter-Spring 5771 Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.

Film

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Lunch/Film/Discussion

Tuesday, February 22

1:00 pm | No charge

Houdini: Unlocking the Mystery

Harry Houdini was one of the first entertainers to become an international celebrity. Born Erich Weiss, the son of a poor Hungarian Rabbi, he grew up in the United States. This fascinating documentary explores the life and career of Houdini, the world's greatest magician and escape artist. Houdini is currently the subject of a major exhibition at The Jewish Museum.

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

The Concert

Thursday, February 24

7:00 pm

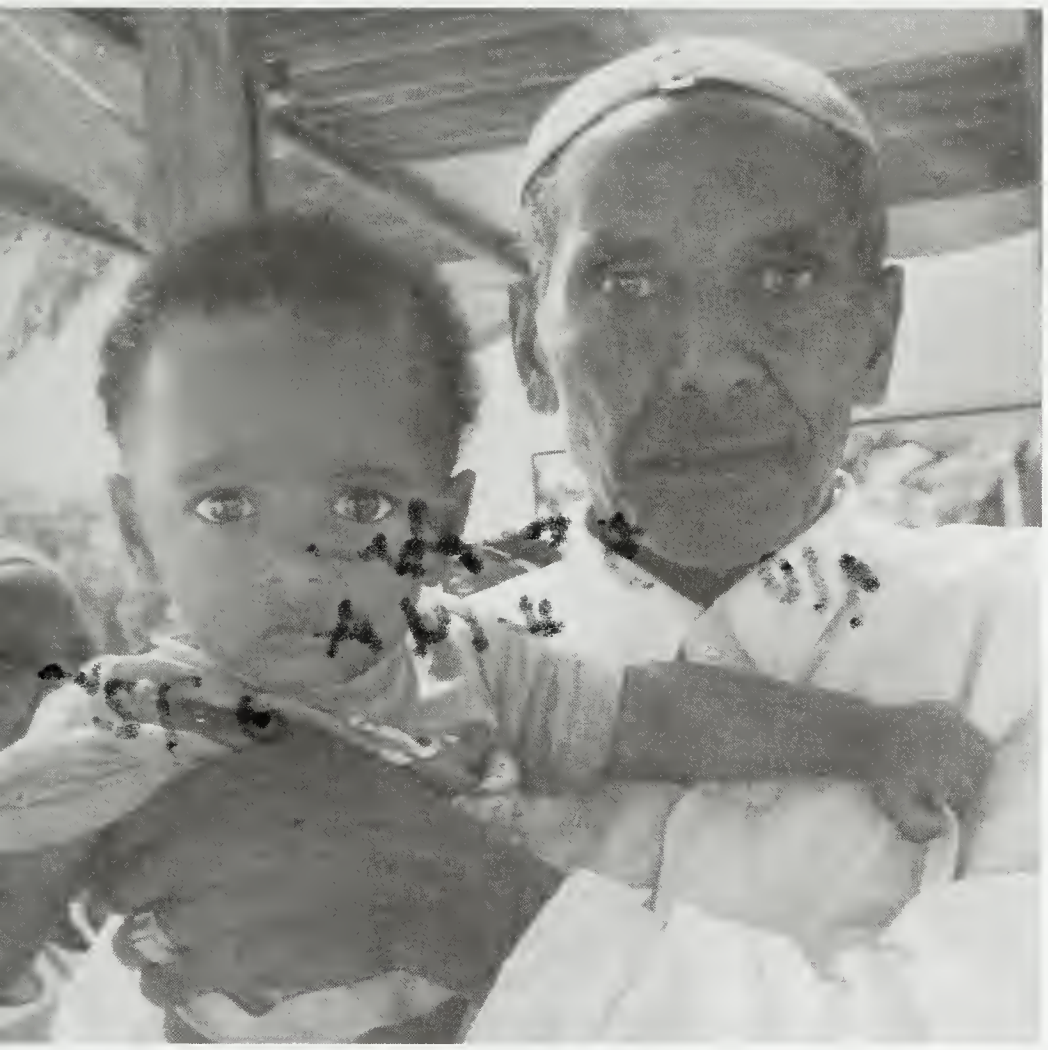
Thirty years ago the renowned conductor of the Bolshoi orchestra was fired for hiring Jewish musicians. Now a custodian at the Bolshoi, he learns by accident that the orchestra has been invited to play in Paris. He decides to gather together his former musicians, take along a young violin virtuoso as soloist, and go to perform in Paris in place of the current Bolshoi orchestra. The concert will either be a colossal failure or a glorious triumph. Directed by Radu Mihaileanu.

Edmond de Rothschild Library Hours:

Monday through Thursday 12:00 – 6:30 pm

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Librarian Marga Hirsch is generally in the Library at other times as well – feel free to stop by with questions or for book recommendations! The room is always open, with instructions on the desk for how to check out books in Marga's absence.



Gallery

November 2010 – March 2011

Arie Bar Lev: Israel Then and Now

This upbeat exhibition depicts Israel's phenomenal growth and change by juxtaposing Bar-Lev's photos of Israel in its earliest years with views of the same places and themes photographed 60 years later.

One-Time Events

Purim Spiel!

The Purim Spiel is a not-to-be missed, one-time-only event, with skits and spoofs woven into the actual chanting of *Megillat Esther* on Saturday evening, March 19. Rehearsals, on the other hand, take place once a week, more often as Purim approaches.

Sundays, February 6, 13, 27 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 22 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Sundays, March 6, 13 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 15 & Thursday, March 17 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

For more information, *contact Cantor Nancy Abramson at nabramson@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x125.*

POST-SHABBATON NYPL TOURS

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Three Faiths Exhibit at the New York Public Library

Tuesday, February 1 | 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 6 | 1:00 pm

This exhibition sets forth in splendid detail the complementarities and differences among the founding texts of the three Abrahamic religions, exploring their development and their lived experience through public and private prayer. 200 rare scrolls, codices, manuscripts, and printed volumes are complemented by prints, maps, photographs, and ritual objects created over the past 1,500 years. Meet ten minutes early at the entrance to the exhibit on the first floor of the Schwarzman Building (Fifth Ave. at 42nd St.). $7 general admission, $5 for seniors. Space is limited.

RSVP required. *Register online at www.pasyn.org under "Adult Education" (click on Shabbaton 2011).*

Sponsored by Men's Club

World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 6 | 9:00 am

Join Conservative and Masorti Congregations throughout the world in learning and performing the mitzvah of "laying tefillin." Beginners are welcome. There will be extra tefillin for those who do not have their own. Congregational School Vav students and their parents are especially invited. Bagel Brunch after minyan. Free!

www.pasyn.org

Click to read the rabbis' sermons; learn about PAS history, staff, and lay leadership; and view the PAS calendar and schedule of religious services. You can also update your PAS account, register online for events, and get up-to-the-minute information about PAS programs. Bookmark **www.pasyn.org** to stay connected to the PAS community!

For more information about adult classes and events, please consult the Winter-Spring 5771 Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.

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One-Time Events *continued*

910 5th Ave #14A @ 72nd

Sponsored by Men's Club

Big Game Party

Sunday, February 6 | 6:00 pm

Root for your favorite team at this family oriented party. Babysitting and children's activities will be available. Cost: Men's Club members and their guests, $20; Non-members, $25; Maximum for a family, $45.

RSVP to *Fred Mirsky at tcrinadv@aol.com or 212-371-3933.*

Melton Field Trip to JTS Rare Book Room

Monday, February 7

Students enrolled in the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at PAS are invited to a private tour of JTS's unparalleled Rare Book Room with Professor David Kraemer, JTS Librarian, followed by lunch. Melton students, stay tuned for more information!

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Wine Tasting

Thursday, February 10 | 7:30 pm

In the midst of the cold weather, what could be better than some good red wine with your friends?!

For location and to RSVP, *go to www.pasyn.org, click on Young Couples Group and look fot this event on the right.*

Sponsored by JTS@PAS

"From Mishnah to Microsoft" – JTS Home Study Evening with Professor Jonathan Milgram

Thursday, February 17 | 7:00 pm

Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Milgram is assistant professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. He has taught at Hunter College, the Drisha Institute, and Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and is former coordinator of JTS's Saul Lieberman Institute for Talmudic Research, a research institute dedicated to the computerization of medieval Jewish manuscripts. Dr. Milgram's research interests and publications deal with Talmud criticism, medieval Jewish law, and the intersection of these two fields. He is the former assistant rabbi of Park East Synagogue and a trained cantorial soloist. For more biographical information, see the Winter/Spring Program Calendar. No charge. Space is limited.

To RSVP *and for location information, email JTSrsvp@gmail.com. Those without email please call 212-369-2600, x121.*

Sponsored by Men's Club

Bagel Brunch

Sunday, February 27 | 10:00 am

Join us after minyan for an interesting discussion along with fresh coffee, bagels, and other noshes. Free for MC members, $5 for guests.

Sponsored by Singles Committee

Oscar Party

Sunday, February 27 | 6:00 pm

Shabbat Events

Reclaiming Shabbat

Saturday, February 26 | Congregational School families especially invited

Enjoy Shabbat lunch in the home of a PAS congregant and fulfill the mitzvah of *hakhnasat orhim* (welcoming guests). This informal Shabbat experience is an opportunity to meet fellow congregants, develop friendships, and reclaim Shabbat. For more information on signing up to be a host and/or guest, please refer to www.pasyn.org or to the brochure mailed to your home. If you have further questions, please contact Craig Demarest at 212-369-2600, x111.

UJA@PAS

Onsite Weekly Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers • If you are looking for companionship, shopping assistance, an escort to a medical appointment, a volunteer opportunity or caregiver support for yourself or a family member, please contact DOROT social worker Katie Weinberger, LMSW, who holds office hours at PAS on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. *Supported by a UJA Partners in Caring grant.*

For more information or to make an appointment, *please contact Katie at kweinberger@dorotusa.org or 212-769-2850.*

Employment and career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling

These services are available to individuals in the Jewish community (confidentially and at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, *please call (212) 399-2685, x206.*

SOCIAL ACTION & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mitzvot of the Month

Care for the Disadvantaged and Oppressed

Teach Children in Need | **Weekday in February, TBD | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Teens and above**

Teach children of homeless families and women escaping domestic violence in an after-school program at an East Harlem shelter run by long-term PAS partner agency, Women in Need.

To learn about future Mitzvot of the Month, *please visit www.pasyn.org and click on Tikkun Olam, or see the Winter/Spring Program Calendar, page 19.*

Jewish Education All Year 'Round

Rabbi Neil Zuckerman,
Director of Congregational Education

I have spent the last six months thinking about the future of the Congregational School at Park Avenue Synagogue. In a number of meetings, I have presented different models that reflect the many factors we have been considering when we think about what education should look like in the synagogue. In the not too distant future, you will be hearing more from me about the future of our school.

As I have been doing my research looking for the perfect model that will make Jewish education fun, vibrant, and meaningful, I have found one answer sitting on my desk in the form of a pamphlet. The name of the pamphlet is Camp Counts: A By-the-Numbers Look at the long Term Impact of Jewish Overnight Camp. The numbers are in, and research indicates that Jewish camp does indeed work. The study compares the attitudes and behaviors of adults who attended Jewish camp as children with those who did not. The responses cover thirteen different areas, including synagogue membership, observance of holidays, donating to Jewish charities, and connection to Israel.

Camp attendance increases the likelihood of adult participation and identification in every one of these areas. For example, those who attended Jewish summer camp are 21% more likely to feel that being Jewish is very important, 37% more likely to light Shabbat candles regularly, and 55% more likely to feel very attached to Israel. They are also 45% more likely to attend synagogue once a month, 25% more likely to donate to a Jewish charity, and 30% more likely to donate to a Jewish federation.

We will continue to strive for excellence in providing our children with the best possible Jewish education. But please know, the numbers don't lie. One of the best possible things you can do for your child's (or grandchild's) Jewish education is to send him or her to a Jewish summer camp. It is a gift that will last a lifetime.

If you would like information on Jewish summer camping, *please contact me at nzuckerman@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x123.*

CS Program Schedule

Tuesday, February 1	5:00 – 5:45 pm | Foundations of Jewish Living | Rabbi Zuckerman
Wednesday, February 2	5:00 – 5:45 pm | Foundations of Jewish Living | Rabbi Cosgrove
Friday, February 4	6:15 – 8:00 pm | Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner for Hey, Vav & Hey 2
Saturday, February 5	9:15 am – 12:15 pm | Junior Congregation and classes for grades Gimel – Vav
Sunday, February 6	9:00 am | Vav & Zay in students invited to join the World Wide Wrap *see page 11*
Saturday, February 12	9:15 am – 12:15 pm | Junior Congregation and classes for Hey & Vav students
	10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Shabbat B'Yachad for Gimel & Dalet students and their parents
Tuesday, February 15	During school hours | Vav t'fillin workshop — *Students bring their own t'fillin.*
Thursday, February 17	During school hours | Vav t'fillin workshop — *Students bring their own t'fillin.*
Wednesday, February 16	6:00 – 8:00 pm | Zayin students join the High School for art workshop with Hanoch Piven
Saturday, February 19	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day Weekend)
Monday, February 21	NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
Tuesday, February 22	NO SCHOOL
Saturday, February 26	9:15 am – 12:15 pm | Junior Congregation and classes for Gimel & Dalet students 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Shabbat B'Yachad for Hey & Vav students and their parents After services | Reclaiming Shabbat

—CS families especially invited—
Enjoy Shabbat lunch at home with other PAS congregants & fulfill the mitzvah of *hakhnasat orhim* (welcoming guests).
See page 13.

Remembering Debbie Friedman, *z"l*

Matthew Check,
Director of Young Family Education

Since the passing of musician Debbie Friedman, *aleha ha-shalom*, I have continued to think about the impact that her song writing has had on Jewish music for me and my friends beginning with our formative years in summer camp. I am humbled when I consider the pervasive influence of one person on the musical landscape of contemporary American Jewry.

I attended a Jewish educators' conference the day of Debbie's passing. She had been scheduled to lead a song session with us that night. After hearing the news, it was bittersweet to sing the liturgy with her melodies.

Debbie's legacy is alive and well at Park Avenue Synagogue. In all of our Young Family events and services, we incorporate songs written by her or by singers influenced by her musical sensibilities. She will be deeply missed.

YF Shabbat Programs

Park Avenue Synagogue offers three different Shabbat morning programs for families with young children: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, and Nitzanim. All three programs meet twice a month. Each session begins with Shabbat songs and continues with a short service that includes singing and dancing. After a story, we finish with Kiddush and a light snack. On some Shabbatot, we end by joining the rest of the congregation for the final song in the sanctuary.

For families with children 0 – 3
Tot Shabbat
Saturday, February 12
Saturday, February 26
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Room 508
Leader: Jody Prusan

For families with children 3 – 4
Shorashim
Saturday, February 12
Saturday, February 26
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Room 408
Leader: Matt Check

For children 5 – 8
Nitzanim
Saturday, February 12
Saturday, February 26
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Room 308
Leader: Hadar

Children are expected to attend these programs with an adult.

Young Family Havdalah Service
Saturday, February 5 | 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Families with children 0-6 are invited to join members of our clergy and YFE Director Matt Check for a musical Havdalah service that includes learning for parents and an art activity for the kids.

Young Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner
Friday, February 11 | Service at 5:00 pm | Dinner approx. 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Families with children 0-6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Cost: $35/members, $45/non-members, $15/children. Space is limited.

To register for these events, *go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the link for the registration form. For the Shabbat dinner, cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) are possible up to Wednesday, February 10.*

February 1 – June 3 | ***There is still time to sign up for the spring semester of Toddler Classes.***
The Department of Young Family Education offers two classes for very young children accompanied by a parent, a grandparent or a caregiver. ***Kitah Rishonah*** is for children ages Newborn to 1½; ***HaMishpachah Sheli*** is for children ages 1½ - 3. For full descriptions of the programs, including what times they meet, cost, and how to register, please visit www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education, or see the Winter/Spring Program Calendar, page 22.

Fabulous February, Marvelous March

Jason Oppenheimer
Director of Youth Activities & Rabbi Judah Nadich HS

February is short, but it's no less packed with exciting youth activities than any other month. Our High School students are busily preparing what should be the best Purim Carnival ever and our social action initiatives are taking off. We can all be proud of these incredible teenagers helping out with the PAS Food Pantry, the Madrichim program, and so much more! But let's not forget about our younger students … there's plenty planned for them as well.

Let's Go Skiing!!!

February 20 – 21
for students in grades 6 – 8

It's a long Presidents' Day weekend. Why not go on a little overnight trip with all of your PAS pals! We'll take a quick drive up to Vermont for a couple of days of skiing/snowboarding, snow-tubing, and more. You need to RSVP for this as soon as possible. What are you waiting for???

Spring Sleep Over

March 5 – 6 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 am
for students in grades 3 – 5

We know how much you crazy kids love these sleepovers, so we're not going to wait until next Sukkot. We won't sleep on the roof, but we'll still have a blast – playing games, watching movies, and spending quality night-time hours with our PAS buddies. Remember to RSVP!

Purim Carnival

March 20 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
for grades K – 5

Join the entire congregation to celebrate the festive holiday of Purim with a carnival that people of all ages are sure to enjoy. Our High School students have prepared an incredible experience filled with games, delicious food, and a few really amazing surprises! Remember to wear your costumes – adults, too – and be sure to bring a bag for all of those carnival prizes you're sure to win!

Tavim *The Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir*

Wednesdays when CS is in session | 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Led by Cantor Elana Rozenfeld and Brian Gelfand

Come Sing! *Hava Nashirah!* Tavim (the Hebrew word for musical notes) is open to any member of PAS from grade 3 and up. We learn music for Shabbat, holidays, and just for fun. Tavim singers will have many opportunities to perform at services and special celebrations during the year.

For more information or to join, *contact Cantor Elana Rozenfeld at erozenfeld@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x126.*

Know someone ill, elderly or homebound?

The PAS Bikur Cholim Caring Committee *—in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Phyllis L. Cornell—* fulfills the mitzvah of visting the ill by reaching out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, *please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120.*

Bikur Cholim
Wallace Chavkin
Harry Krieger, *with thanks to Erica and Halle Friedman for the Hanukkah gift that was much appreciated.*
Thelma M. Shafran, *in memory of her parents Ruth & Isador Shafran.*

Rabbi Cosgrove's Discretionary Fund
Ross Abelow & Susan Cantor, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Alfred & Linda Greisman, *in honor of the naming of their granddaughter Rebecca Marni Greisman.*
Heather & Daniel Mendelow, *in honor of the Bris of their son Seth Asher Mendelow.*
James P. Robbins.
Florence Solomon, *with appreciation.*
Susan Turkel.
Benjamin & Susan Winter.

Early Childhood Center Fund
The Green & Orange Room Families, *in memory of Bert Myers, grandfather of Eden. Dashel and Presley Myers.*

Hendin Scholarship Fund
Janet & Howard Kagan.

Hesed Fund
Robert P. Antler, *in honor of his birthday.*

High School Food Pantry
Rachelle Balaban, *in memory of her beloved father Joseph Schwadron.*
Natalie & Brett Barth, *in memory of Robert Saex, father of Wendy Slavin.*
Rochelle Cohen, *in loving memory of Bernice Rothseid.*
Paul & Anne Corwin, *in honor of Barry Frankel's birthday.*
Henry & Karen Glanternik, *in memory of Robert Saex, father of Wendy Slavin.*
Herta & Ernie Gottschalk, *in honor of our dear friends Jane & Stanley Kreinik on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.*
Dorothy Lang, *in memory of her beloved father Abraham Kleiman.*
Susan & Isaac Lemor, *in honor of Joanne & Morton Davis' 50th wedding anniversary.*
Eytan & Lesley-Anne Shapiro, *in memory of Frank Furman.*
Dr. Louis & Robin Vogel.
Leonard M. Weintraub.
Jean Wilson, *in memory of her beloved father Samuel Miller.*
Roberta Zinbarg, *in memory of her beloved father Max Goldman.*

Kol Nidre Contributions
Joseph Allerhand & Randi Schatz
Beth Aviv
Sally Barnett
Joseph & Raneet Barr
Richard & Shirley Benowitz
Kenneth & Renee Blatt
Ruth Boody
Michael & Lisa Borodkin
Roberta C. Brause & Rita Brause
Thomas & Susan Brock
Charles & Bonnie Charrow
David & Amy Chasen
Wallace & Esta Chavkin
Ronald Cohen & Donna Kramer
Leslie Cornell
Paul & Gila Daitz
Beverly Diamond
Marc & Donna Ellenbogen
M.Neville & Roberta Epstein
Fran Evans
Jerome & Estelle Finkelstein
Jon & Erin Frankel
Andrew & Jill Frey
Frederick & Susan Friedman
Douglas & Faith Gingold
Simon Gluck
Robert Jay & Roslyn Haber
Bruce & Arlene Hochberg
Allison Hoffman
Mitchell Jacaruso & Jodi Gold
Louis Jaffe & Lara Oboler
Marvin & Louise Kagan
Rosamond Kaufman
Jeffrey Keller & Stacey Berg Keller
Mortimer & Barbara Klaus
Josiah Klebaner & Jennifer Korff
Jonathan & Amy Knepper
Joel & Holly Kurtzberg
Leonard Ladin
Charles Langs & Liise-Anne Pirofski
Ralph & Ricky Lauren
Bernard & Phyllis Leventhal
Bernice Lieberman
David & Susan Lincoln
Jeffrey & Ann Mann
Steven & Jodee Martin
Harris & Freema Nagler
Michael & Allison Nathan
Louis & Barbara Perlmutter
Cynthia Pfeffer
Adam & Marni Pinkow
Jeffrey & Elisa Port
Adam & Jennifer Rifkin
Yves Ringler & Keren Coplan Ringler
Jacques & Camille Roizen
James Rothman & Stefanie Katz-Rothman
Barry & Alma Salky
Martin & Yvonne Logan- Sankey
Daniel & Lynn Schaul
Andrew & Erica Schultz
Steven & Yona Serota
Andrew Siegel & Sally-Beth Kruteck
Arthur & Carol Spinner
Tamara Spolan Kossoff
Edward & Karla Toledano
Adam & Andrea Usdan
James Snyder & Esme Usdan
John & Joyce Varvatos
Ernest & Stephanie Wechsler
Craig & Jodi Green Werner
Jean Wilson
Benjamin & Michele Yogel
Joel & Cooki Yunis
Marlene Zausner
Gary & Chana Zimmerman
Mark & Joan Zimmett
James Zirin & Marlene Hess

Library Fund
Julius & Joyce Paige, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Liturgical Music Fund
Margaret & Jay G. Axelrod, *in honor of the Cantors at PAS.*

Prayer Book Fund
Harris Amster, *in memory of Fred Amster.*
Morton Davis, *in honor of his birthday.*
Richard S. Green, *in honor of his birthday.*
Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Evelyn Karr, mother of Dennis Karr.*

Rabbi Rein's Discretionary Fund
Denis & Cathy Abrams.

Welfare Fund
Milton Fuchs, *in memory of his beloved mother-in-law Florence Prashker.*

Yiddish Club Fund

Florence Solomon, with thanks.
Florence Solomon, *in memory of her beloved sister Marion Fine on her Yahrzeit.*

Synagogue Offerings

Debbie & Stuart Abramovitz, *in honor of Barry Frankel's birthday.*
Roberto Aron.
Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in honor of her birthday.*
David Barnard, *in memory of his beloved father Billy Barnard.*
Miriam Berkowitz, *in honor of Heidi & Rob Silverstone for their hospitality.*
Sheri Bleustein, *in memory of her beloved grandmother Nettie Hymans.*
Sheri Bleustein, *in memory of her beloved father Howard Simon.*
Sheri & Clifford Bleustein, *in honor of their niece Hannah Wolfe on her Bat Mitzvah.*
E.J. Borrack, *in memory of Heidi Silverstone's beloved mother, Barbara Michels.*
Susan & Tom Brock, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Judge & Mrs. Edward Davidowitz's granddaughter Cleo.*
Nancy Bronstein, *in memory of her beloved uncle Irwin Mandel.*
Robert Ceisler, *in memory of his beloved father and mother, Ernest and Elizabeth Ceisler.*
Wallace Chavkin, *in memory of his beloved mother Dinah Chavkin.*
Joel Cohen, *in memory of his beloved mother Eva Cohen.*
Dr. Arturo Constantiner, *in memory of his beloved mother Joan Constantiner.*
Caren Constantiner, *in memory of her beloved father Stanley Sturza.*
David Cook, *in memory of his beloved mother Shirley Cook.*
Barbara Cooper, *in memory of her beloved mother Laura Berman.*
Sarrae Crane.
Bonnie Englebardt, *in honor of Danielle & Stuart's wedding.*
Fran Evans, *in memory of her beloved husband Melvin Evans.*
Herb Feiwel, *in memory of his beloved mother Sadie Feiwel.*
William Felder, *in memory of his beloved mother Gertrude Felder.*
Jerome Finkelstein, *in honor of his birthday.*
Edgar Freitag, *in memory of his beloved father Fred Freitag.*
Steve & Cheryl Friedman.
Yola Gertel Friedman, *in memory of her beloved father Samuel Gertel.*
Yola Gertel Friedman, *in memory of her beloved grandfather Berish Gertel.*
Eleanor Frommer, *in memory of her beloved father Benjamin Goldman.*
Phyllis Gallahou, *in honor of her birthday.*
Herman Goldsmith, *in honor of his birthday.*
Barbara Gertel Goltzer, *in memory of her beloved father, Samuel Gertel.*
Ernest Gottschalk, *in honor of his birthday.*
David Greenbaum, *in memory of his beloved father Walter Greenbaum.*
Efraim Grinberg, *in memory of his beloved father Gedalio Grinberg.*
Matthew Grossman, *in honor of his birthday.*
Leon & Susan Heller, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Della Honig, *in memory of her beloved mother Ann Reinkraut.*
Stephen Judlowe, *in memory of his beloved mother Ida Judlowe.*
Howard Kaplan, *in memory of his beloved father Louis Kaplan.*
Dr. Donald Kastenbaum, *in memory of his beloved father Sidney Kastenbaum.*
Dr. Fred Kastenbaum, *in memory of his beloved father Sidney Kastenbaum.*
Doris R. Katz.
Marilyn Katz, *in memory of her beloved father Irving Greenberg.*
Carol Kekst, *in memory of her beloved father Daniel Schapiro.*
Dr. Arnold Komisar, *in memory of his beloved mother Dr. Sonia Komisar.*
Dora Kooby, *in honor of her birthday.*
Aron & Lillian Krell, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Florence Lapidus, *in memory of her beloved father Samuel Schmerzler.*
Ann Leichtling, *in honor of her birthday.*
Ann Leichtling, *in memory of her beloved husband Martin Leichtling.*
Phyllis & Bernard Leventhal, *in honor of and gratitude for our anniversary.*
Florence Leventon, *in honor of my family and in appreciation of the lovely services.*
Linda Levine, *in memory of her beloved mother Rose Rothman.*
Edward Lipiner, *in memory of his beloved brother Jack Lipiner.*
Edward & Lucy Lipiner, *in honor of Stanley & Jane Krenik's 50th anniversary.*
Rita Matthews, *in memory of her beloved mother Pearl Rolnick.*
Robert Matthews, *in memory of his beloved mother Rose Matthews.*
Sandra Mayerson, *in memory of her beloved father Manuel Mayerson.*
Ben Mendelsohn, *in memory of his beloved wife Rose Mendelsohn.*
Martin Milston, *in memory of his beloved father Louis Milston.*
Shary & Sherie Moalemzadeh.
Felice Muchnick, *in memory of her beloved mother Lillian Greenberg.*
Dr. Carol & Charles Mutterperl, *in memory of their beloved daughter Gail Mutterperl.*
Melanie Nasberg, *in memory of her beloved grandmother Clara Fisher.*
Dr. Walter & Blossom Peretz, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Myra Pollack, *in memory of her beloved mother Bertha Kohn.*
Myrna & Melvin Rabinowitz, *in memory of Irving Spergel, beloved brother of Martin Spergel.*
Ruth Rabinowitz, *in memory of her beloved mother Jean Rabinowitz.*
Ruth Rabinowitz, *in memory of her beloved brother Howard Topol Roberts.*
Mordecai Rochlin, *in honor of his birthday.*
Ellen Roizen, *in memory of her beloved father Sheldon Rodbell.*
Joan Rosen, *in memory of her beloved mother Rosalind Bleecker.*
The Rutman Family, *in memory of Lynn Schneider.*
Allan Schulman.
Susan Schwartz, *in memory of her beloved brother Michael Schwartz.*
Yona Serota, *in memory of her beloved father Luis Burstin.*
Lisa Siegal, *in memory of her beloved mother Barbara Siegal.*
Carla Silber, *in memory of her beloved father William Epstein.*
Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved sister Ruth Sklaver.*
Marcia Silvers, *in memory of Joseph Salzhamer.*
Daphne & Andrew Silverstein, *in memory of Robert Saex, father of Wendy Slavin.*
Jo Ann Small, *in memory of her beloved father Murray Resnick.*
Susan Smirnoff, *in memory of her beloved mother Barbara Smirnoff.*
Diane & Craig Solomon, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Martin Spergel, *in memory of his beloved father Julius Spergel.*
Henry Vogelstein, *in memory of his beloved father Ludwig Vogelstein.*
Henry Vogelstein, *in memory of his beloved mother Erna Vogelstein.*
Edward Weinstein, *in memory of his beloved mother Carol B. Weinstein.*
Jean Wilson, *in honor of the engagement of her daughter Sarah Jane Wilson to Scott Meyer.*
Linda Yarden, *in memory of her beloved father Lee Yarden.*
Ellen Yuder, *in memory of her beloved mother Edna Davidman.*
Dr. Abraham Yurkofsky, *in memory of his beloved father Max Yurkofsky.*
Marlene Zausner.

Celebrating a simha?

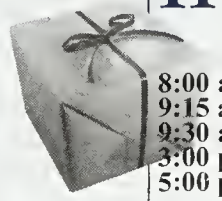
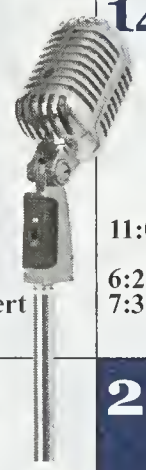
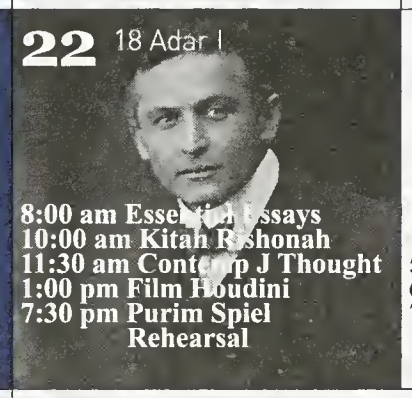
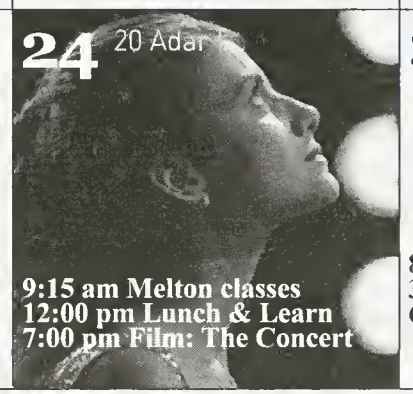
A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast kiddush any weekday after the morning minyan.

For more information, *contact Sam Rosenberg at 212-369-2600, x105 or srosenberg@pasyn.org.*

PAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2011 Sh'vat/Adar I 5771

*Information is subject to change. Confirm at **www.pasyn.org** or with the office.*

February

		1 27 Shevat 8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 5:00 pm Foundations of J Family Living 5:30 pm Parashah Partnership 6:00 pm NYPL Exhibit Tour	**2** 28 Shevat 12:30 pm Midtown Lunch & Learn 9:15 am Women in the Bible 5:00 pm Foundations of J Family Living 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:15 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	**3** 29 Shevat 9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Moonbeams	**4** 30 Shevat Rosh Hodesh Candles, 4:59 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Friday Evening service 6:00 pm Hey/Vav Dinner	**5** 1 Adar I Rosh Hodesh Parashat T'rumah 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah 10:15 am Jr Congregation 5:00 pm YFE Havdalah 5:15 pm Minha/Ma'ariv
6 2 Adar I 9:00 am World Wide Wrap 11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal 1:00 pm NYPL Exhibit Tour 6:30 pm Big Game Party	**7** 3 Adar I Melton Trip to JTS 6:20 pm Hebrew Classes 7:30 pm MASA'OT 8:00 pm Book Discussion Group	**8** 4 Adar I 8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Yiddish Club 7:30 pm Clergy in Our Neighborhood	**9** 5 Adar I 12:30 pm Midtown Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:15 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	**10** 6 Adar I  9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm YCG Wine Tasting	**11** 7 Adar I Candles, 5:07 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:15 am Caffeine for the Soul 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm YFE Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service with Birthday Blessings	**12** 8 Adar I Parashat T'tzavveh 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah 10:15 am Jr Congregation 11:15 am YFE Services 5:15 pm Minha/Ma'ariv
13 9 Adar I  11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal 4:00 pm Cantors Concert	**14** 10 Adar I 11:00 am Book Discussion Group 6:20 pm Hebrew Classes 7:30 pm MASA'OT	**15** 11 Adar I 8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film/ Lunch/Discussion 7:30 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal 7:30 pm Clergy in Our Neighborhood	**16** 12 Adar I 12:30 pm Midtown Lunch & Learn 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:15 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	**17** 13 Adar I 9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm JTS Home Study	**18** 14 Adar I Candles, 5:16 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Friday Evening Services	**19** 15 Adar I Parashat Ki Tisa 8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:00 am Sanctuary service 10:00 am No CS or Jr. Cong 5:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv
20 16 Adar I 7:30 am Ski Trip (6th-8th grade)	**21** 17 Adar I Presidents Day PAS Offices closed No classes	**22** 18 Adar I  8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemp J Thought 1:00 pm Film Houdini 7:30 pm Purim Spiel Rehearsal	**23** 19 Adar I 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:15 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	**24** 20 Adar I  9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm Film: The Concert	**25** 21 Adar I Candles, 5:24 pm 8:00 am Talmud Torah 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Friday Evening Shabbat Service	**26** 22 Adar I Parashat Va-yak'hel 8:45 am Parashat Hashavua 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:15 am Jr Congregation 1:00 pm Reclaiming Shabbat 5:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv 5:30 pm Shabbat B'Yachad Havdalah
27 23 Adar I 10:00 am MC Speaker & Brunch 11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal 12:30 am Interfaith Teen Social Action Program 6:00 pm Singles Oscar Party	**28** 24 Adar I 6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group 6:20 pm Hebrew Classes 7:30 pm MASA'OT					

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Kids' Shabbat Book Basket • Look for the basket at the back of the Sanctuary. Children may look at books while sitting quietly in their seats and return them for others to read next week.

Any changes are noted when they occur. ***Daily Shaharit Minyanim:*** *Monday – Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday & Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.* ***Minha/Ma'ariv:*** *Sunday – Thursday at 5:45 pm.*

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A Look Ahead

Friday, March 4 | Shabbat Dinner with Rabbi Dr. Eliezer Diamond from JTS

Saturday, March 12 | 7th Annual Gala | **Honoring Susan & David Edelstein**

Saturday, March 19 – Sunday, March 20 | Purim at PAS

Saturday, March 19
6:30 pm | CS Shabbat B'Yachad for All Grades
6:45 pm | Minha
7:15 pm | Pre-Purim Se'udah (Light Dinner)
7:45 pm | Ma'ariv
8:00 pm | Megillah Reading & Purim Spiel for All — Come in costume!

Sunday, March 20
9:00 am | Minyan and Megillah Reading
10:15 am | Young Family Purim Service with Abbreviated Megillah Reading
11:00 am | Purim Carnival

Save the Date!

2011 Salute to Israel Parade | **Sunday, June 5**

Join the Park Avenue Synagogue community as we have a great time showing our support for Israel. We will march up Fifth Avenue, as a group, along with thousands of others – an experience not to be missed. Details to come. Please mark your calendar today!